

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1.-75. (Cancelled)

76. (New) An image forming apparatus configured to serve as a document destination apparatus for receiving and printing first image data or a first document stored in another image forming apparatus, and to serve as a document source apparatus for transmitting second image data or a second document stored therein to the other image forming apparatus, the image forming apparatus comprising:

a communication unit configured to communicate with the other image forming apparatus connected via a network;

a document reception unit configured to transmit a first transmission request for the first image data or the first document to the other image forming apparatus and to receive the first image data or the first document stored in the other image forming apparatus via the communication unit;

a printing unit configured to print the first image data or the first document;

a print execution unit configured to use the printing unit to print the first image data or the first document received from the other image forming apparatus via the document reception unit;

a document storage unit configured to store the second image data or the second document; and

a document management unit configured to, in response to receipt of a second transmission request for the second image data or the second document from the other image forming apparatus, transmit the second image data or the second document stored therein to the other image forming apparatus via the communication unit.

77. (New) The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 76, wherein the document reception unit receives the first image data or the first document stored in the other image forming apparatus from the other image forming apparatus through a web service for providing the first image data or the first document in a SOAP based HTTP response in response to a SOAP based HTTP request indicative of the first transmission request for the first image data or the first document.

78. (New) The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 76, wherein the document management unit comprises a web service for providing the second image data or the second document in a SOAP based HTTP response in response to a SOAP based HTTP request indicative of the second transmission request for the second image data or the second document.

79. (New) The image forming apparatus as claimed in claim 76, wherein the network comprises a wired LAN or a wireless LAN.

80. (New) An image forming system, comprising:

a document source apparatus including

a document storage unit configured to store image data or a document,

a first printing unit configured to print the image data or the document, and

a document management unit configured to, in response to receipt of a transmission request for the image data or the document from a document destination apparatus, transmit the image data or the document stored therein to the document destination apparatus via a communication unit; and

the document destination apparatus being coupled to the document source apparatus via a network, the document destination apparatus including

a second printing unit configured to print the image data or the document,

a document reception unit configured to transmit the transmission request for the image data or the document to the document source apparatus and to receive the image data or the document stored in the document source apparatus via the communication unit, and

a print execution unit configured to use the second printing unit to print the image data or the document received from the document source apparatus via the document reception unit.

81. (New) An image forming system, comprising:

a document source apparatus including a storage device configured to store image data or a document, the document source apparatus comprising a first image forming unit;

a document destination apparatus comprising a second image forming unit of printing the image data or the document stored in the storage device; and

an information processing apparatus being coupled to the document source apparatus and the document destination apparatus via a network, the information processing apparatus comprising a print request unit configured to issue a print request for the image data or the document stored in the document source apparatus to the document destination apparatus, the print request causing the document destination apparatus to communicate with the document source apparatus and to acquire and print the image data or the document stored in the storage device of the document source apparatus.

82. (New) The image forming system as claimed in claim 81, wherein

the document destination apparatus comprises

a setting information acquisition unit configured to, in response to the print request for the image data or the document stored in the storage device of the document source apparatus from the information processing apparatus, cause the information processing apparatus to transmit a transmission request for print setting information for the document source apparatus to the document source apparatus to acquire the setting information from the document source apparatus;

a document acquisition unit configured to transmit a document acquisition request to the document source apparatus to acquire the image data or the document from the document source apparatus; and

a printing unit configured to print the image data or the document stored in the document source apparatus based on the setting information, and
the document source apparatus comprises

a setting information transmission unit configured to, in response to the transmission request for the setting information from the document destination apparatus, cause the information processing apparatus to transmit the setting information to the document destination apparatus; and

a document transmission unit configured to, in response to the document acquisition request from the document destination apparatus, transmit the image data or the document stored in the storage device to the document destination apparatus.